UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

REGINALD E. EASLEY,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action 2:21-cv-0032 Chief Judge Algenon L. Marbley Magistrate Judge Chelsey M. Vascura

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

ORDER

The parties' Joint Motion for an Award of Attorney's Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, is **GRANTED**. (ECF No. 18). Accordingly, Plaintiff is awarded attorney's fees in the amount of \$3,200.00, and no costs. Counsel for the parties shall verify whether Plaintiff owes a pre-existing debt to the United States that is subject to offset. *See Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 597–98 (2010). If Plaintiff does not owe a debt to the United States, the Government shall pay Plaintiff's EAJA fees directly to his counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ALGENON)L. MARBLEY

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: December 22, 2021